EXHIBIT 31

SURROGATE'S COURT COUNTY OF NEW YORK

ACCOUNTING OF

AARON R. FROSCH as Executor

FILE NO.: P 2781/1962

ESTATE OF MARILYN MONROE,

PETITION FOR FINAL ACCOUNTING

Deceased.

TO THE SURROGATE'S COURT OF THE COUNTY OF NEW YORK:

- 1. The petition of AARON R. FROSCH residing at 300 Central Park West, New York, N. Y. respectfully states:
- The decedent died on the 5th day of August, 1962 and at the time of her death was a resident of the Borough of Manhattan, City, County and State of New York.
- 3. Letters Testamentary were duly granted to your petitioner by the Surrogate's Court of New York County, New York on the 30th day of October, 1962.
- 4. More than seven (7) months have elapsed since the issuance of said letters.

The names and post-office addresses of all persons interested in the Estate and/or Trust Fund to whom process must issue pursuant to the provisions of SCPA 315 and SCPA 2210 are as follows:

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| Name and Post- Office Adress | Relationship | Nature of Interest |
| F | Half-Sister Legatee | Specific Bequest of \$10,000.00 |
| Norman and Hedda Rosten 84 Remsen Street Brooklyn, N. Y. 11201 | Legatee | Specific Bequest of \$5,000.00 |
| May Reis 229 W. 12th Street New York, N. Y. 10014 | Legatee | Specific Bequest of \$10,000.00 plus \$40,000. from residuary or 25% of residuary whichever shall be the lesser |
| Gladys Baker a/k/a Gladys Eley c/o Bernice Miracle 330 S. W. 27th Street Gainesville, Fla. | Mother Life Income Beneficiary under Trust | Income co-Beneficiary under Trust to receive \$5,000.00 per annum during her lifetime |
| Mala Powers, as Executrix Estate of Mrs. Michael (Xenia Julia) Chekhov c/o Belcher Henzie & Biese genzahn 330 South Hope Street Suite 3650 Los Angeles, Cal. 90017 | Beneficiary under Trust | Income co-Beneficiary under Trust to receive \$2500.00 per annum during her lifetime |
| Lee Strasberg 135 Central Park West New York, N. Y. | Legatee | Bequest of personal effe and clothing plus baland of residuary estate |
| Or. Marianne Kris 135 Central Park West New York, N. Y. | Legatee | 25% of balance of residuant after residuary bequest May Reis plus remainder Trust after death of Trust after death |

- 6. The following legatees have bean partition
 - A. Norman and Hedda Rosten bequest of \$5,000.00

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- B. Bernice Miracle bequest of \$10,000.00
- C. May Reis bequest of \$10,000.00
- D. Lee Strasberg bequest of personal effects and clothing
- 7. There are no other persons that those abovementioned who are interested in this proceeding.
- 8. That all of said above-mentioned persons are of sound mind and all are of full age except Glady's Baker a/k/a Gladys Eley, mother of the decedent. Inez C. Melson was appointed as Conservator by Order of the Superior Court of the State of California and that subsequently Bernice Miracle, residing at 330 S. W. 27th Street, Gainesville, Florida., daughter of said Gladys Baker a/k/a Gladys Eley, thas been) was appointed Guardian and, upon information and belief, continues to act as Guardian.
- 9. That there is no other accounting proceeding aw pending.
- 10. That your petitioner duly commenced probate spaceedings in New York County and ancillary probate proceedings in the State of California. After appropriate spate hearings, decedent's will was duly admitted to spate and petitioner was duly appointed Executor in

both jurisdictions and then commenced the marshalling of the decedent's assets.

At the time of decedent's sudden and unexpected death, she had no cash available in the State of California and insufficient cash in the State of New York to meet her obligations. Mobs of curiousity seekers came to her homes seeking to buy or remove memorabilia. There was no family member who could supply aid or information in the supervision of her affairs. Her obligations to creditors and her tax liabilities far exceeded her cash availability.

The decedent did, however, have a continuing compensation interest in two (2) motion picture films entitled "Some Like It Hot" and "The Misfits", which provided for deferred compensation for a guaranteed amount for a number of years and, thereafter, a percentage participation. Decedent, however, had granted a wage assignment against said deferred compensation to a bank in the State of California in the sum of Seventy Four Thousand (\$74,000.00) Dollars. Said deferred compensation to its determined valuation was deemed "income in respect of the decedent" and, therefore, was subject to estate

taxes and, when received, was deemed "income" and subject to income taxes. Said deferred compensation was further subject to payment of agent's commissions of 10% of the gross to M. C. A. Artists; Ltd. Hence, the assets available to petitioner were insufficient for the payment of creditors' claims and estate taxes for a substantial period of time after the death of the decedent.

Decedent was the sole shareholder of Marilyn Monroe Productions, Inc. The asset of the said corporation was a proprietary interest in the motion picture film entitled "The Prince and the Showgirl." The decedent's Common Stock in said corporation was valued for estate tax purposes at Sixty One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty (\$61,250.00) Dollars (per Schedule "A"). For a substantial period of time the sale of this asset could not be effectuated for an amount sufficient to realize its said value; however, in September 1970, petitioner sold same and liquidated the corporation at a value as set forth on Schedule "A-1" hereof.

Upon receipt of funds, petitioner deposted same with the Savings Bank Association which association then selected and deposited said funds into numerous different savings banks in amounts within the then existing insurance limitation of \$10,000.00. Petitioner therefore placed the Estate funds properly insured in accounts which at that

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time were paying the highest rate of interest then available. Estate funds were thereafter deposited in Certificates of Deposit or Treasury Bills as set forth on Schedules hereto.

Petitioner was compelled to defend a proceeding communced by the State of California which claimed decedent was a resident of the State of California at the time of her death. Petitioner was successful in said proceeding.

All creditors' claims and all tax liabilities have been paid in full. The California ancillary estate was accounted and was concluded.

In 1974, Petitioner negotiated a contract with respect to a publication entitled "My Story" authored by Milton H. Green by the terms of which the Estate received a participation in the royalty proceeds of the said publication and has received income therefore as set forth on Schedule "A-2".

Thereafter, your petitioner commenced litigation in connection with a publication entitled "Marilyn" authored by Norman Mailer. The said litigation was in the past year concluded in favor of defendants after appropriate appeal by your petitioner.

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By virtue of the Estate having insufficient cash availability for many years, the various protracted negotiations, the complicated proceedings and litigation, as hereinbefore set forth, your petitioner was not in the appropriate position to submit to the Court a final accounting.

In addition, the residuary provisions of the decedent's will provides for May Reis, as a residuary legatee, to receive "\$40,000.00 or 25% of the total remainder" of the state, whichever is less. The assets of the Estate were at all times insufficient to determine, with finality, the precise amount of the said legacy. Even at the particular point in time, the assets of the Estate are insufficient to pay said residuary legatee the sum of \$40,000.00 inasmuch as said sum exceeds 25% of the present assets of the Estate.

The Estate still retains a continuing compensation and royalty interest in four (4) properties. The Estate retains an interest in the motion picture films entitled "Some Like It Hot" and "The Misfits". The Estate retains an interest in continuing music royalties and in the publication entitled "My Story" all as aforesaid described. The schedules herewith have not set forth a current valuation of the Estate's interest in the said four (4)

properties. Petitioner will request an evaluation thereof from the producers of same and then apply to this Court for approval to conclude the sale of the Estate's interests therein or for a pro rata distribution among the residuary legatees of the continuing royalties therefrom and as residuary legatees will desire.

11. That your petitioner is desirous of rendering to said Surrogate's Court an account of these proceedings and therefore prays

that the account be judicially settled; and

that the Executor, from the cash balance of \$101,299.25 on hand, pay to himself the sum of \$16,591.62 for the balance of commissions due him upon this accounting as per Schedule I; and

that the Executor, from the cash balance of \$101,299.25 on hand, pay to N. Rubin & Co. the sum of \$6,000.00 for accounting services rendered in connection with the within accounting; and

that the Executor, from the cash balance of \$101,299.25 on hand, pay to Elliot J. Lefkowitz, Esq. the sum of \$3,000.00 for legal services rendered in connection with the within accounting; and

that the Executor pay to May Reis 25% of the balance then remaining; and

that the Executor pay to Dr. Marianne Kris 25% of the then remaining balance; and

that the Executor pay to Lee Strasberg the entire remaining balance; and

that the Executor, prior to payment of said residuary, retain the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred (\$7,500.00) Dollars for payment of any taxes or all other charges which may be reasonably due; and

that the Executor shall obtain an evaluation and/or offer for decedent's continuing compensation interest in the motion picture films:entitled "Some Like It Hot" and "The Misfits" and in music royalties and the publication entitled "My Story" and then accept such offer or arrange for a pro rata distribution, as the residuary legatees will desire or as directed by the Court, among the residuary legatees thereof, however, the residuary legatee, May Reis, shall receive her pro rata in an amount limited so that her residuary legacy shall not exceed the sum of Forty Thousand (\$40,000.00) Dollars in total; and

that the legatees upon receipt of their respective payments to be made to them hereunder will acknowledge receipt therefore and in consideration thereof, each of them will forever release, remise and discharge the Executor of and from any and all claims and liabilities of every kind or nature arising from or in any manner relating to or connected with the Estate of Marilyn Monroe, deceased, and the administration of said Estate; and

that the persons above-mentioned and all necessary and proper persons be cited to show cause why such settlement should not be had; and

for such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

DATED, August 14, 1980.

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CITY. COUNTY AND STATE OF NEW YORK, ss:

AARON R., FROSCH, the petitioner named in the foregoing petition, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he has read the foregoing petition subscribed by him and knows the contents thereof; and that the same is true of his own knowledge, except as to the matters therein stated to be alleged on information and belief, and that as to those matters he believes it to be true.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 44 day of August, 1980.

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Notary Public, State of New York

No. 31-7474775

Qualified in New York County

Commission Expires March 30, 1975

EXHIBIT 32

SURROGATE'S COURT COUNTY OF NEW YORK STATE OF NEW YORK

In the Matter of the Final Accounting : of Aaron Frosch, as Executor, :

ESTATE OF MARILYN MONROE,

Deceased.

OBJECTIONS TO ACCOUNT

File No. P2781/62

MARIANNE KRIS, a person interested in the Estate of Marilyn Monroe, Deceased, as a reminderman of the Trust under Article FIFTH of the Decedent's Last Will and Testament, and as a twenty-five percent residuary legatee, hereby makes the following Objections to the settlement of the Account of Aaron R. Frosch as Executor of the Last Will and Testament of Decedent:

aggregate expense of the Estate was the payment of income taxes on income received by the Executor. Over the 18 years of Estate Administration, the Executor paid \$674,398 in income taxes. A very large percentage of these payments was unnecessary. As a consequence, virtually all of the funds that otherwise could have been distributed to the Decedent's beneficiaries were dissipated. Although MARIANNE KRIS recognizes the necessity to pay income taxes that cannot lawfully be avoided, in this Estate the Executor improvidently paid income taxes he did not have to pay, as follows:

Failure to Take All Available Deductions for (a) Income in Respect of a Decedent. The Executor failed to take full advantage of the deduction for "income in respect of a decedent" on the Fiduciary Income Tax Returns. Included in the gross estate on the Federal Estate Tax Return was \$593,675 as the value for Marilyn Monroe's entitlements under a contract concerning the motion picture Some Like It Hot and \$153,008 for her entitlements under a contract covering the motion picture The Misrits. These dollar amounts were also required to be reported in the Fiduciary income tax returns, to be included in gross income subject to tax. However, all of this income is what the Internal Revenue Code called "income in respect of a decedent" and thus Federal Estate Tax attributable to these amounts was available to the Estate as a deduction in income tax returns. In this Estate the full \$119,691 paid in Federal Estate Tax is attributable to these amounts and is therefore all available as a deduction on income tax returns of one or another tax years of the Estate.

Despite the availability of this deduction, the Executor took only \$14,566 for the year 1965 by way of deduction for income in respect of a decedent and \$23,929 for that deduction for the year 1966. In no other year was any deduction for this purpose taken.

Instead of \$119,691 in deductions, only \$38,395 was taken.

Accordingly, \$81,196 of deductions were lost. Since the Estate was in a relatively high income tax bracket for the years in which the deduction was available but not used, the Executor's failure to seek this deduction cost the Estate a very high percentage of the \$81,496. The following are illustrative incremental tax brackets of the Estate:

| 1963 | 90% bracket | |
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| 1964 | 76.5% ⁿ | |
| 1965 | 70% " | |
| 1966 | 70% " | |
| 1970 | 60% " | |
| 1974 | 55% " | |

The above brackets are only those for federal income tax purposes. The same deduction is available for state income tax purposes.

On the basis of the tax returns supplied by the Executor, \$65,030 is the Federal tax cost of the omitted deduction. Figures for the State tax cost are less certain but the amount is approximately \$2,400.

The surchargeable amount is therefore approximately \$67,000 Federal tax, with appropriate interest.

- Returns. The Estate paid income taxes to the State of California for the years 1963 to 1970. Amounts paid to one State may be taken as a credit against the taxes payable to another State. The amount of taxes paid to California for the years 1967, 1968 and 1969 were not claimed as a credit against New York State tax. \$13,830 was paid in the year 1967, \$3,241 was paid for the year 1968, and \$140 was paid for the year 1969, the total being \$17,211. In each of those years, the Estate paid New York a sum greater than the credit; the Executor's failure to take the credit therefore cost the Estate the full amount of the credit. The Executor should be surcharged for this \$17,211, with appropriate interest.
- of "Distributable Net Income." The greatest cost in unnecessary income tax payments was incurred because of the combination of circumstances improvidently permitted by the Executor to exist:

 He kept the Estate open for 18 years during all of which time the Estate earned sizeable income that fell within the Internal Revenue Code's definition of "distributable net income" ("DNI"); the Executor made no distribution of one cent of DNI throughout

the 18 years. As a result, unnecessary income taxes at very high brackets were paid by the Executor on Estate income because, under the Code, a distribution to a beneficiary entitled to DNI produces a deduction to the Estate in the precise amount of DNI so distributed. Thus the Estate paid income taxes in each year between 1962 and 1980 at the Estate's high surtax brackets, which as noted, exceeded 60% in at least five years.

A prudent and responsible Executor would, in the face of such potentially large tax payments as a result of high tax brackets, resolve two issues: First, would it be a greater tax burden on each of the beneficiaries were they to receive distributions of DNI, for under the Code the beneficiary is taxed at his or her effective bracket on such income. Second, are there funds to make the DNI distributions. On the first issue, as to MARIANNE KRIS, had the Executor asked her what her bracket was or had he reviewed correspondence between MARIANNE KRIS'S Counsel and himself, he would have known that the bracket of MARIANNE KRIS as a beneficiary of the Estate's DNI was zero, for she would have assigned her interest to the Anna Freud Foundation, an organization exempt from income tax under Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, that runs a renowned child therapy clinic and instructional program for child therapists. Therefore, every cent of DNI distributed to MARIANNE KRIS would have saved payment of income taxes at the effective bracket of the Estate and would have incurred no taxes for the recipient. As to other beneficiaries entitled to such distributions, it is probable,

given the high Estate brackets, that each would have been in lower brackets than the Estate.

As to the issue of available funds, a cash flow analysis of the Estate's actual revenues from all sources <u>less</u> disbursements for all purposes shows a positive cash flow at the end of every single year of the Estate's existence. The following table shows the net cash balance available to the Executor (even after taxes computed on the Executor's incorrect figures) for distribution of DNI; it also shows the amount of taxes the Executor directly paid with respect to each such year:

| <u>Year</u> | Cash available as of December 31 of each year of the Estate | Amount of Federal Taxes Actually Paid (Payment Made in Following Year) | Amount of State Taxes Paid (Payment Made In Following Year) |
|-------------|--|---|---|
| 1963 | 145,600 | 138,716 | 17,348 |
| 1964 | 155,200 | 116,643 | 16,852 |
| 1965 | 117,700 | 61,667 | 13,626 |
| 1966 | 152,700 | 80,282 | 14,306 |
| 1967 | 216,800 | 79,606 | 19,903 |
| 1968 | 178,300 | 19,293 | 8,974 |
| 1969 | 153,000 | 1,497 | 585 |
| 1970 | 147,600 | 22,784 | 5,771 |
| 1971 | 155,000 | 9,958 | 2,267 |
| 1972 | 168,900 | 10,548 | 3,663 |
| 1973 | 182,100 | 7,598 | 2,225 |
| 1974 | 212,700 | 15,234 | 4,603 |
| 1975 | 178,400 | 4,408 | 2,195 |
| 1976 | 61,000 | 156 | 1,700 |
| 1977 | 81,000 | 5,904 | 2,483 |
| | • | 8,260 | 2,761 |
| 1978 | 100,300 | 4,037 | 1,431 |
| 1979 | 108,900 | | • |

On the basis of such available cash and the deductions available to the Executor by reason of making distributions of DNI, upon information and belief, far smaller income taxes would have had to be paid by the Estate.

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Until the arithmetic for each beneficiary has been worked out, the amount of the surcharge cannot be ascertained. As to MARIANNE KRIS, however, the amount of the surcharge is ascertainable because no income tax would have been paid on her 25% of the available DNI. This is a fact the Executor knew or should have known for the these reasons: First, the legacy to MARIANNE KRIS itself contains the condition the funds given to her be used "for the furtherance of the work of such psychiatric institutions or groups as she shall elect". Secondly, MARIANNE KRIS' Counsel made it known to the Executor that she was going to assign her interest to the Anna Freud Foundation. Thirdly, the Executor would have learned of the zero bracket of the recipient had he asked her, an inquiry that is both customary and prudent especially where the estate will, but for a distribution of DNI, incur high income taxes.

Administrative Expenses Available as Deductions on Estate Income

Tax Returns. The Executor incurred various administrative

expenses as shown in the Accounting which were larger, at least
in three years of which MARIANNE KRIS has records, than those
claimed as deductions on the Estate's income tax returns for
those years. Thus, in the year 1970, the accounting shows that
\$28,834 was incurred in Administrative expenses but only \$23,334
was claimed

as a deduction. In 1975, a total of \$16,633 was incurred in administrative expenses but only \$1,633 was deducted for administrative expenses on the income tax returns for the year. In 1976, \$33,488 is shown in the accounting as having been incurred in administrative expenses but only \$18,750 was deducted. As a result, deductions appear to have been lost in the aggregate amount of \$35,238. The amount of surcharge would be equal to the effect of applicable surtax bracket for each of these three years, establishing the amount of estate funds that could have been saved had the deductions been properly taken. Until all income tax returns are delivered, the correct surtax bracket is yet to be established.

2. The Executor Incurred Unnecessary Interest Charges on Late Tax Payments. The Executor paid a very substantial amount of money in interest for late payments of estate tax and income tax, as follows:

In 1964, \$2,071 was paid to the Internal Revenue Service; in 1965, \$1,041 was paid to the State of New York; in 1969, \$15,149 was paid to the Internal Revenue Service; in 1970, \$5,778 was paid to the State of New York for late payment of New York State Estate Tax; in 1972, \$1,932 was paid to New York State; in

1974, \$29 was paid to the State of California; in 1976, \$10,458 was paid to the State of California. The total amount of this interest is \$36,458. Unless the Executor has a valid justification all of this is surchargable.

- The Executor Incurred Unnecessary Storage Charges. The Executor kept the decedent's personal property in storage for many years after the date on which it could and should have been distributed. Storage charges were paid at least 10 years, into the year 1972. Over this period, on aggregate sum of \$16,834 was paid in storage charges, this on property which itself had an estate tax value of only \$11,057. It is submitted that all storage charges after 1963 are surchargable. Since \$2,247 is the amount of storage charges for the year 1963, the surchargable amount would be \$14,587.
- Charges. Because the Executor kept the Estate open for 18 years, the payment of premiums on bonds was excessively high. Over the course of the Estate administration, a total of \$26,229 was paid to bonding companies. The amount of the surcharge cannot be precisely ascertained until the amount of the total bond premium allocable to Trustee's bond, which does have to be paid for the duration of the trust, is known.

- Commissions. The Executor paid himself part of the Executor's commissions without a court order, as required by the Surrogate's Court Procedure Act. Not only was the payment without Court order wrong, but for reasons that will be set forth below, no commission at all should be paid to this Executor and therefore the entire amount of this payment is surchargable.
- Law Firm. The Executor paid to his own law firm two amounts for legal fees aggregating \$30,000, both without court order. The first was paid on November 30, 1970 in amount of \$15,000 (Schedule D, Item 31) and the second was paid on December 30, 1971, also in the amount of \$15,000 (Schedule C, Item 208). The former was a claimed debt of the decedent, but in view of the dual relationship of the Executor as both fiduciary and Counsel, this too should have been subject to court approval where the bona fides of the alleged debt would have been subject to review.
- 7. The Executor Paid Excessive Professional Fees. The Executor paid excessive amounts for legal fees and for the accounting fees of the Estate. Since the overwhelming percentage of the Estate's assets derived from straightforward contracts entered into by decedent, legal activities of the Executor's

Counsel cannot be claimed as having materially produced these assets. Revenue from the films <u>Some Like It Hot</u> and <u>The</u>

<u>Misfits</u>, and revenue from RCA on record contracts the decedent entered into generated a total of approximately \$1,300,000 of the gross estate. Another approximately \$90,000 was produced from the sale of the decedent's home, a routine function. Therefore, upon information and belief, approximately \$1,400,000 out the total Gross Estate of \$1,688,000 required very little, if any, legal services. For the balance of the gross revenue - \$288,000 - the Executor incurred over \$100,000 in professional fees.

Specific objection to specific professional fees will be presented to the Court once details of the services rendered, the time expended, and the result achieved have been made available through discovery. MARIANNE KRIS has requested details concerning these professional fees but no information has been provided.

Under the Account as submitted, the attorneys and accountants received more than Marilyn Monroe's mother and more than all residuary legatees combined. Because of the magnitude of these professional fees, and in light of the facts of the Estate, the Surrogate should permit an inquiry into the bona fides and propriety of the legal fees and accounting fees and the amount thereof so that a reasonable sum for them can be ascertained. The amount in excess would be subject to surcharge.

- The Executor Did Not Receive an Adequate Price for 8. the Shares of Marilyn Monroe Productions, Inc. The sale of the shares of Marilyn Monroe Productions, Inc. for a total of \$85,000 was, on information and belief, an improvidently low purchase price. This company owned outright all rights to the film The Prince And The Show Girl. While MARIANNE KRIS knows very little about the circumstances of the sale of these shares to Warner Brothers, the Court should conduct an inquiry into the propriety of the price. At the very least, the Court should appoint an appraiser familiar with the values of motion picture films at the time and familiar with the value of this particular motion picture in which Marilyn Monroe appeared with Lawrence Olivier. On the basis of certain information available to MARIANNE KRIS, which she will present to the Court after full discovery from the Executor, upon information and belief, these shares were worth at least approximately twice the amount the Executor sold them for.
- York State Income Tax Returns. Various refunds received by the Executor that were reported (correctly so) on the Federal Tax Returns as income should have been excluded from the New York income reported on State returns under New York income tax laws. In four different years the Executor failed to make this exclusion, as follows: In 1963, the Federal return reported a refund of \$4,935; this should have been excluded from the gross income reported on the New York return, but was not. For the

year 1965, there was a refund from California for \$4,723; this sum was not excluded on the New York return. In 1967, there was a refund of \$6,853, for the year 1966; this sum was not excluded on the New York return. Finally, in 1978, a \$750 refund for the year 1977 was not excluded from the New York State return. The total of these sums is \$17,261, and unnecessary tax was paid on it. Upon information and belief, the New York tax bracket applicable to these amounts was 12% in the years in question. Accordingly, the amount of the surcharge is \$2,071.

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Secure the Highest Return Available on Equally Safe or Safer

Investments. For certain periods of time, upon information and belief, the Executor did not put at interest large amounts of money after receipt.

As to maximizing the return on funds invested, the Accounting shows no investment in three or six month Treasury Bills for the years 1972, 1973, 1977, 1978, 1979 and 1980, but rather deposits in, or certificates of deposit of, savings banks; in 1977, 1978, 1979 and 1980 funds were invested in savings accounts of commercial banks. Upon information and belief, three and six month Treasury Bills in each of these years produced returns higher than savings bank deposits, higher than commercial bank deposits, and upon information and belief, higher than savings bank certificates of deposit.

The lost interest on uninvested funds and the difference in available interest on invested funds is surchargable.

- MARIANNE KRIS, through her attorneys, Dornbush Mensch & Mandelstam, requested in writing on August 27, 1980 various material documents and relevant information concerning items in the Account. The Executor has failed to supply copies of many of the requested Fiduciary Tax Returns and other documents and has supplied only part of the requested data. As a result, it has not been possible for MARIANNE KRIS to evaluate the propriety or correctness of a number of items in the Account nor to be able to know whether the Account is complete. The objection is, therefore, that MARIANNE KRIS has been supplied insufficient information and will be obliged to conduct a deposition and other appropriate discovery before completing her Objections to the Account.
- 12. The Executor is Not Entitled to Commissions. In light of the Executor's mismanagement of the Estate, it is respectfully submitted that he be held not to be entitled to any Executor's commissions. Without limiting the enumeration, the following support such a determination:

- The Executor has shown no concern whatsoever (a) for the interests or the needs of the residuary legatees. This can be demonstrated in a variety of ways. First, he has not made a single distribution of income or principal to any of the residuary legatees over the entire eighteen years of the Estate Administration. This not only deprived them of funds decedent intended them to have but it cost the Estate (and the peneficiaries, in turn) thousands upon thousands of dollars in lost tax deductions. Second, the Executor's whole course of conduct, at least with MARIANNE KRIS, was secretive. From 1972 on, the Executor failed to supply information about the financial status of the Estate. Third, the Executor, between the years 1965 and 1970, failed to secure one penny of income from the film The Prince and The Show Girl which the Estate in that period owned outright throughout the world. Fourth, in the years in which the Estate had enormous income - for example, in the five years in which its surtax bracket exceeded sixty percent (60%) the Executor failed to invest funds in tax-exempt securities, instead investing them or leaving them invested in savings banks where the after-tax yield was significantly less than the yield from available tax-exempt securities.
- (b) Apart from these evidences of indifference to his fiduciary responsibilities to beneficiaries, all the other

improvident failings and undertakings bear on his entitlement to Executor's commissions. The following are some of them:

- (i) The Executor incurred unnecessary income tax because he failed to seek credits and tax deductions;
- (ii) The Executor incurred unnecessary and excessive storage charges.
- (iii) The Executor incurred unnecessary and excessive bond premiums.
- (iv) The Executor incurred and paid unnecessary and excessive professional fees.
- (v) The Executor kept the Estate open an excessive number of years.
- (vi) The Executor incurred unnecessary
 interest charges.
- (vii) The Executor has not promptly invested funds of the Estate and even after they were invested, failed to purchase the highest yielding securities.
- (viii) The Executor over-reported income on New York State returns.

For these and other reasons, the Executor has forfeited his entitlement to any commissions.

- 13. On the basis of the data set forth in these
 Objections to the Account, MARIANNE KRIS respectfully requests
 the following relief:
- (a) The Executor should be surcharged for the amounts (i) specified in these Objections and (ii) to be determined after the hearing, all with appropriate interest on such amounts.
- (b) The Surrogate should determine that the Executor is not entitled to any commissions, directing him to return \$15,000 already paid to himself.
- (c) The Surrogate should direct the immediate distribution of \$75,000 to the residuary legatees, out of the \$101,229.25 the Executor states is on hand. This would permit a distribution to beneficiaries while other issues are resolved. The amount requested will not prevent payment of the claims presently pending, even assuming they are valid, for it leaves a reserve in excess of the total of all such claims.
- (d) The Executor should be directed to produce all documents requested by MARIANNE KRIS and to do so by a date certain.
- (e) Upon delivery of the balance of requested data, MARIANNE KRIS should be entitled to conduct a deposition of the Executor and others with knowledge of the facts.
- (f) Upon completion of the investigation, MARIANNE KRIS should be entitled to submit additional objections to the Account.

- (g) The Court should schedule a hearing for a consideration of the various questions raised in the objections.
- (h) The Surrogate should direct payment of reasonable fees to Objector's counsel and Objector's accountant for their services in this proceeding.
- (i) The Surrogate should direct such other and further relief as shall be just and proper.

October 23, 1980

MARIANNE KRIS, Objector

Dornbush Mensch & Mandelstam, Attorneys for Objector

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New York, N. Y. 10017
(212 935-3900)

STATE OF NEW YORK

SS.:

COUNTY OF NEW YORK)

I, the undersigned Objector named in the foregoing Objections to Account, being duly sworn depose and say that I have read the foregoing Objections to Account subscribed by me and know the contents thereof, and that the same is true of my own knowledge, except as to the matters therein stated to be alleged on information and belief, and that as to those matters I believe it to be true.

Marianne Kris,
Objector

Sworn to before this

931 day of October, 1980.

/s/ Charles L. Mandelston

CHARLES L. MANDELSTAM NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF NEW YORK No. 31-2502600

Qualified in New York County Commission Expires March 30, 19 8/

EXHIBIT 33

County of New York

In the Matter of an Application for Letters of Administration with the Will Annexed on the Estate of

שבגונקט מסטובסצ

Deceased

The citizenship of the decedent and of the petitioner must be alleged in the petition.

Petition for Letters of Administration with the Will Annexed

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To the Surrogate's Court of the County of New York:

The petition of Anna Strasburg

respectfully shows:

That your petitioner is a resident of No. 135 Central Park West in the City of New York and is named in the last will and testament of deceased, and is a citizen of the Unital Status.

That said Lawryn Horroe departed this life at California on the 5th day of August 1962, leaving a last will and testament in and by which the appointed Aaron R. Frosin executor thereof; that decedent at the time of her death was a citizen of USA, that the said last will and

testament was duly admitted to probate by Honorable To FRITTING REPORT REPORT OF THE Surrogate of the County of New York, on the Surrogate of the County of New York, on the

And your petitioner further shows that the said Aore R. Frech ded on April 29, the execut or named in said will,

and that certain property and assets of the said testator are unadministered; that your petitioner has to the best of ability estimated and ascertained the value of the personal property of which the said testat rip died possessed, and of the real estate so possessed and the proceeds thereof which may come to the hands of an administrator by reason of the provisions of said last will and testament, and that the value of said personal estate will not exceed in all the sum of Soo, one of the provisions.

That the decedent died seized of _______ real property in this State. The said real property is improved. unimproved. A brief description of each parcel is as follows:________

1. That the name and post office address of the

sole beneficiary

named or described in said will is as follows:

Post Office Address

That the said sole beneficiary is a resident of the State of New York

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amed or described in said will are as follows:

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Bilate of Dr. Marianne Kiris (DOD 11/23/50)

Post Office Address

135 Central Parker Yo Known Russia Vecchi - Kinkurod 645 Madison Ave.

That all of the said residuary beneficiaries are residents of the State of New York, except:

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That all of the said residuary beneficiaries are of full age and are of sound mind, except:

3. That the names and post office addresses of all other persons interested in the estate, as defined in Section 103, subdivision 36, Surrogate's Court Procedure Act, are as follows:

Name

Post Office Address

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Nature or Value of Interest

That all of said persons are residents of the State of New York, except:

That all of said persons are of full age and are of sound mind, except:

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That said deceased was at the time of hex death a resident of the County of New York.

That there are no persons having a prior or equal right to letters of administration with the will annexed who have not renounced and no persons interested in this proceeding other than those herein-before mentioned.

That no previous application has been made for the appointment of an administrator with the will annexed of the estate of said deceased.

That a correct copy of said will is hereto annexed and marked Exhibit A.

Your petitioner therefore prays for a decree of the Surrogate's Court of the County of New York appointing your petitioner administrativity. with the will annexed of the estate of said deceased, and that letters be issued accordingly, and that all persons having a prior or equal right to said letters who have not renounced be cited to show cause why such letters should not be issued.

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County and State of New York. sa.:

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The abovenamed petitioner, being duly aworn, doth depose and say that she has read the foregoing petition subscribed by

and knows the contents thereof and that the same is true to like own knowledge, except as to matters therein stated to be alleged on information and belief and as to those matters.

Sworn to this 17 day of

Quay , 1989.

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Petitioner